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SUBJECT: Immunization Requirements for DoD Dependents Schools, Section 6
Schools, and Day Care Centers Operated by the Department of Defense

- References:
- (a) Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Memorandum, "Support of National Immunization Objectives," February 29, 1980 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Memorandum, "Immunization for Communicable Diseases in the DoD School System," July 31, 1980 (hereby canceled)
 - (c) DoD Directive 5136.1, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)," October 5, 1984
 - (d) DoD Directive 5124.1, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Installations, and Logistics)," January 12, 1984
 - (e) DoD Directive 5400.11, "Department of Defense Privacy Program," June 9, 1982

A. PURPOSE

This Instruction incorporates guidance contained in references (a) and (b), thereby establishing policy, assigning responsibilities, and prescribing procedures for immunization in DoD dependents schools, Section 6 schools, and day care centers operated by the Department of Defense hereafter referred to as "Defense schools and day care centers".

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

1. This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Defense Agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard (by agreement with the Department of Transportation, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service of the Navy), the Public Health Service (under agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services); and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under agreement with the Department of Commerce).

2. Its provisions include children who attend any Defense school or day care center and any employee, service member, or volunteer serving in them.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Proof of Immunity. A written document signed by a physician, nurse, or corpsman that specifies dates and types of immunizations given to an individual. In the event of serological testing for rubella and rubeola, it is evidence of any detectable antibody.

2. Volunteer. A person who does not receive compensation from the Federal Government for the activities described in this Instruction and who provides services solely on a gratuitous basis.

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D. POLICY

It is DoD policy:

1. To encourage optimum immunization of all children in accordance with the recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee of The Department of Health and Human Services and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
2. To attempt to eliminate the epidemic spread of communicable diseases among children who attend Defense schools and day care centers and among the paid and volunteer staffs.
3. That children who are beginning a basic series of required immunizations will not be prevented from enrolling in Defense schools and day care centers unless they fail to obtain followup immunizations at the appropriate intervals as recommended by medical authorities.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), consistent with DoD Directive 5136.1 (reference (c)), shall develop and review the immunization requirements specified by this Instruction.
2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Installation, and Logistics), consistent with DoD Directive 5124.1 (reference (d)), shall:
 - a. Require the distribution of Defense School (DS) Form 122 (Revised), "DoD Dependents School Certification of Immunization," May 1983 (enclosure 1) to all present and prospective students, employees, service members, and volunteers in Defense schools or day care centers.
 - b. Require the collection of a completed DS Form 122 (Revised), or its equivalent, at the time of enrollment, employment, or the start of the gratuitous services of a volunteer.
 - c. Ensure that Defense schools and day care centers work closely with local medical authorities in carrying out the screening required by this Instruction.
 - d. Ensure that Defense schools and day care centers impose the attendance requirements of this Instruction.
3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:
 - a. Ensure that their medical authorities cooperate with Defense school and day care center officials in establishing screening procedures in conjunction with school and day care registration.
 - b. Ensure that their medical authorities:
 - (1) Verify and review immunization records.
 - (2) Administer or begin administration of required immunizations within the time requirements of subsection F.2., below.

(3) Document immunization as required on DS Form 122.

F. PROCEDURES

1. At a minimum, children attending a Defense school or day care center shall be immunized or present proof of immunity in accordance with the requirements specified on DS Form 122. This requirement is a condition of attendance. Accordingly, the parents of all children enrolled in or entering a Defense school or day care center shall be provided a copy of DS Form 122 by the school or day care center concerned.

2. The parents will have 10 working days to secure the necessary medical certification and return it to the Defense school or day care center. The Defense schools and day care centers shall establish record followup systems to ensure that children receive any remaining immunizations.

3. Thereafter, barring an exception as specified in subsection F.5. below, failure to present certification shall result in the disenrollment of the child until such time as the certification is provided.

4. Full and part-time employees and volunteers shall be required by the Defense school or day care center to have appropriate immunizations or documentary proof of immunity as a condition of employment. The required immunizations for adult populations shall be determined locally. The following immunizations are suggested for inclusion:

a. Diphtheria or Tetanus. A primary series consisting of at least 3 doses administered at some time during the adult's life and boosters every 10 years. Both immunizations need not be given when only one is required.

b. Polio. Either a primary series of Oral Polio Vaccine consisting of 3 doses or Injectable Polio Vaccine consisting of 4 doses is required for all individuals.

c. Measles (rubeola). For those born after December 31, 1955.

d. German Measles (rubella). For males below the age of 25 years and for females below the age of 45 years.

5. The only exceptions to subsections F.1. through F.4., above, shall be for valid medical or religious reasons, as certified by military medical or religious authorities.

6. Individuals immunized under this Instruction shall be given a written record of the immunizations provided.

7. Records of immunization, including medical and religious waivers, shall be maintained in accordance with DoD Directive 5400.11 (reference (e)).

8. Individuals who have not been immunized, including those with religious or medical exemptions, shall be excluded from the Defense school or day care center during an outbreak of contagious disease. The Defense school or day care center shall maintain an up-to-date list of such individuals.

9. School and medical authorities are encouraged to work cooperatively in implementing this Instruction in such a way as to augment the students' health education.

10. In administering the requirements of this Instruction, the usual medical practices concerning informed consent, clinical contraindications, and pregnancy shall be observed.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Instruction is effective immediately. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) within 120 days.

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of Defense (Health Affairs)

Enclosure - 1
DS Form 122 (Revised)

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DoD Dependents School Certification of Immunization

Students who enroll in DoD Dependents Schools (DoDDS) shall meet specific immunization requirements. These requirements, displayed in the table below, represent the *minimum* immunization requirements and do not necessarily reflect the optimal immunization status of a student.

IMMUNIZATION	MINIMUM DoD REQUIREMENT
Oral Polio Vaccine	3 doses of Trivalent, at least one of which was administered after the 4th birthday.
Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis*	3 doses, given singly or in combination, at least one dose of which was administered after the 4th birthday and the last dose was given within 10 years.
Measles (Rubeola) Mumps Rubella	1 dose of live attenuated vaccine given singly or in combination on or after 15 months of age. Individuals immunized after one year of age but before 15 months need not be reimmunized.

*Pertussis immunization is not required for individuals after their 7th birthday.

This certification notice must be brought to your local physician or immunization clinic along with your dependent's official immunization records stating type of immunization and month, date, and year of each. The immunization statement below must then be completed by the medical authority.

_____ immunization records have been reviewed
(Student's Name)

on _____ at _____
(Date) (Location of Clinic)

I certify that the minimum DoDDS immunization requirements have been initiated and/or completed

(Signature of Medical Authority)

A request for immunization waiver for religious or medical reasons must be supported by official documents from church or medical authorities and provided to school officials at the time of school registration

I certify that the minimum DoDDS immunization requirements have been waived.

(Signature of Waiving Authority)

This certification notice must be returned to school officials at registration for placement in the official school records of the student. This minimum immunization requirement, or a legitimate waiver, is a condition of attendance in DoD Dependents Schools